

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the indicated portions of the Specification as follows:

On page 6, replace the final paragraph that continues to the top of page 7, with the following:

The solution proposed by the invention allows all the problems related to the reduction of the center opening to be solved because access to the first sheet from the exterior of the roll is permitted. Accordingly, it is no longer necessary to connect the first turns to one another in order to try to maintain the opening formed. Thus waste is also avoided, both at the level of the production machine because of the absence of the turn attachment system, as well as at the time when the roll is placed into service. The rolls may therefore be wrapped in simple flexible packages, chiefly plastic as indicated at 71 in FIG. 8.

On page 7, replace the first full paragraph with the following:

In particular, this first strip is formed by the crosswise folding of a portion of the end of the sheet onto the winding axis of the roll; preferably this portion should be tapered as indicated at 41 in FIG. 2A. The additional advantage is thus achieved by facilitating the introduction of the end of the first strip into the dispensing device of the center-feed dispenser, for example.

On page 10, replace the fourth paragraph, with the following:

FIG. 2 shows a roll as claimed by the invention with a center-feed (center unwinding) first strip projecting outward along the axis in relation to one of the sides of the roll. FIGS. 2A & 2B illustrate alternative first strips with a tapered end and a reinforced end respectively;

On page 13, replace the first full paragraph with the following:

The first strip may be reinforced by a complementary element, coloring for example as indicated at 61 in FIG. 2.

On page 13, replace the second paragraph, with the following:

According to one embodiment not shown, the first strip may be reinforced mechanically by a tab or any appropriate means or supplemental element joined onto the sheet and fitted in order to be projecting outward on the axis of the roll as shown in FIG. 2B at 51.

On page 16, replace the final paragraph that continues to the top of page 17, with the following:

According to one alternative embodiment, a wide sheet of flexible material is cut by means of a cutting device into a plurality of individual sheets (10₁, 10₂, ...) arranged side by side, and the first strip (10B) is made by a crosswise displacement in the direction of the rolling of the sheet (10) of the cutting device. The sheets are then rolled around a spindle (11) and each of the rolls are separated after their formation, the first strips (~~10B₁, 10B₂, ...~~) (10B₁, 10B₂, ...) thus made by the ends (10A₁, 10A₂, ...) of said sheets are presented projecting outward on one of the sides of the roll.